

Drainage Board met in their regular meeting place in the Rush County Courthouse on April 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. with the following present: Marvin L. Cole, T.H. Barnes, Ken Masters, members; Leigh Morning, Drainage Board attorney; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor; Michele Gordon, secretary.

Minutes of the April 13, 2009 meeting were approved and signed by motion of Barnes, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Masters. Minutes of the Special meeting held on April 20, 2009 were approved and signed by motion of Masters, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barnes.

MANATRON

The only item on the agenda was to discuss the problems the Surveyor’s office is having with the software program from Manatron. The Treasurer was asked by the Surveyor to attend the meeting but had not arrived yet. Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent was present to voice his concerns with the program.

The Surveyor explained that the reconstruction assessment billing is not being done correctly due to an apparent flaw in the Manatron program. The Surveyor has contacted both Hancock and Hamilton counties, who also have the Manatron program, to only be told that they do not use it for their reconstruction assessment billing because of this flaw. They have their Treasurer prepare the statements by hand.

The most recent reconstruction project was the work done on Mud Creek. Those assessments have been certified but the statements have not been sent to the landowners. This is a concern because the monies generated by the assessments will then be used to make the loan payments. All of this information needs to be brought to the Council’s attention, so the Board asked that the Surveyor attend the next Council meeting.

Mary Ann Beard, Rush County Treasurer, finally arrived at the meeting. When told about the concerns with the Manatron program she stated that she had nothing to do with the billing. She stated the Auditor was supposed to send out the statements. All she was in charge of was collections. According to statute, once the assessments are certified to the Auditor, within 30 days they in turn certify the assessments to the Treasurer for billing. The Treasurer, upon receipt of the assessments, has 15 days to mail the statements. When it was suggested that statements be done by hand in order to send accurate information to the landowners, the Treasurer asked if the Surveyor’s Deputy (Michele Gordon) would type those statements. She answered that no she would not because according to statute that was the Treasurer’s responsibility.

A motion was made by Barnes that this matter be taken under advisement until more information can be gathered from all concerned parties. Masters then gave a second to that motion but added that no payments be made to Manatron until these issued have been resolved. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Barnes, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Masters. Motion carried.

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